

Thursday, November 19th 8.30 PM

## BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 2009 to Arrive tomorrow



ORANJESTAD – The Beaujolais Nouveau is predicted to be one of the best Beaujolais vintages in the last 50 years. “The grape bunches are small with a fine

purplish black color, and are exceptionally rich in sugar. The berries are thick, and the seeds are a gorgeous amber color, a sign of perfect phenolic maturity. Their brightness,

time.”

Following the longtime French tradition of releasing Beaujolais Nouveau at one minute past midnight on the third Thursday of November, the 2009 vintage will be released November 19 with celebratory “Le Beaujolais Nouveau Est Arrivé!” with events taking place all over



intensity, and above all, their perfect health are something to behold. We have not seen anything like this for a long



the island and around the world.

Casa Tua Barcelona in downtown Oranjestad will be offering a special Beaujolais Nouveau dinner menu. Joelle & René Martin and their son Loïc, producers of Beaujolais exploit 20 acres of vine. The south exposition, south east to the three suns allows getting a fine quality of wine, long in the mouth with a solid “bouquet”.

The Py is the top of the

property, splendid panoramic view of the small village of regnie-Durette, the Saone region and the Alps. This year, every characteristic of a good year shown, cool temperature, a good maturity of the fruits, none of very little sicknesses, nice sugar level and an excellent balance, really lovely and probably perfect for the long term...

Casa Tua will combine the opening of the Beaujolais Nouveau with a ‘primeur’ taste of the new Casa Tua Barcelona Menu features Escargots de Bourgogne au Rocquefort, Steak Tartare, Assiette de Charcuterie, Boeuf Bourguignon, Ballotine de Grouper, Onglet a L’Echalotte, Entrecote Bearnaise ou Rocquefort followed by Assiette de Fromage, or Tarte Tatin .

*Great Crowd In Champions Enjoying Exciting Paquiao Vs Cotto Match*

## Marriott's Sports Bar The Local Hot Spot To Watch Games!



PALM BEACH – On Saturday November 14th Champions Sports Bar presented the big fighting game PAQUIAO VS COTTO.

The fight itself began around 12 midnight although there were a lot of fans already preparing for the fight as early as 9 PM.

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# Marriott's Sports Bar The Local Hot Spot To Watch Games!



*Continued from Front Page* watch the Paquiao & Cotto Champions quickly filled up with a lot of locals and tourists, creating a great ambiance to fans. Everyone was able to enjoy



this fight on the 28 TV screens in Marriott's popular sports bar and the 2 giant screens that Champions has to offer. Besides that Champions offered 2 for \$10 in selected beers, and 2 for 1 on Grey Goose and Old Parr. Along with the drinks Champions offered delicious nachos, chicken fingers and not to forget their signature Triple Play Platter that Champions offers. The fight ended with Paquiao knocking down Cotto twice and stopping him at 55 seconds in the 12th round. The crowd watching this fight expressed that the match was a great success. Celebrations



in honor of Paquiao continued in Champions Sports Bar until 2.30 AM. Champions has a great schedule for November including College Football,

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# Mr Jazz Week of Mega Stars



Palm beach -- Mr Jazz, at Paseo Herencia, scheduled a formidable line up of top local acts this week. The restaurant and club famous for its delicious Cuban-American cuisine, serves some of the best steaks and seafood on the island. Its master chef, Darwin Torres, delights customers with a variety of flavors and rich presentations, for reasonable prices.

But Mr Jazz's claim to fame is its undisputed reputation as best club on the island, with stage shows and dancing until the late hours of the night. This week, the club will be packed with Mega Stars!

Tuesday is Aruban Night

with the Pachanga Aruban Folkloric Dance show at 8PM. Wednesday evening features Romance Night where all couples receive a free glass of champagne and a beautiful rose. This evening has become a "must" for couples celebrating their honeymoon, wedding anniversary or simply their love for each other. Wednesday November 18, Mr Jazz is presenting Angela Cruz, from Barcelona, accompanied by her Flamenco show. The passion and romance will flow, stoked by Angela's superb voice and her fast-paced presentation. Thursday, November 19 is Super Jazz Night with

The Delbert Bernabela Jazz Quartet. Delbert is the top Aruban saxophonist and has been delighting visitors to Mr Jazz with his warm, seductive sound.

The weekend will be one you do not want to miss! Friday November 20 Mr Jazz presents the fabulous orchestra of Robert Jeandor & his Solo Banda Show. The tropical sounds of this Big Band will have you dancing to the wee hours. While his show starts at 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., the dinner show unfolds at 8 p.m. with sexy dance group "Fuego Latino."

On Saturday November 21, Mr Jazz presents the spectacular

Aruban hit machine "Claudius Phillips and his band Oreo." If you want to feel the heat of Aruba, this is the night to party till late. The party starts at 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. while the dinner show with "Fuego Latino," starts at 8 p.m..

Sunday November 22 is Happy Sundays with one of the greatest bands Aruba has ever produced. Tsunami will

sway and move the crowd from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, with their hot sound. Sunday features Happy Hour all night at Mr Jazz with drinks at only US\$ 4.-, and a discount of 20% on the dinner menu. Don't miss Mr Jazz's special Happy Sunday.

Mr Jazz is located in the Paseo Herencia Mall in front of the Holiday Inn Hotel. □



**Special Month of November!**

<b>Appetizer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Soup</li> <li>• Onion Soup</li> <li>• Conch Fritters</li> <li>• Escargot</li> <li>• Salad</li> </ul>
<b>Entrée</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fresh Catch of the Day</b> prepared by our local chef just the way you like it.</li> <li>• <b>Jumbo Shrimp</b> from our local waters, breaded served with potato or rice or with garlic tossed over linguine.</li> <li>• <b>Filet Mignon</b> 8 oz. US Tenderloin</li> <li>• <b>Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast</b></li> </ul>
<b>Dessert</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chocolate or Banana Cake</li> <li>• Ice Cream</li> <li>• Coffee / Tea</li> </ul>

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## Anabui Residence Club in full construction swing



Tierra del Sol – Anabui Private Residence Club has just recently broken ground, yet the construction of the first building is making great progress, and is expected to deliver the first units including

a fully furnished model residence in January. Located on a beautiful hilltop, just across from the club house, the exciting Anabui Residence Club, designed by famed Stofft & Cooney Architects



from Naples, Florida, features a collection of 36 spacious, concierge-serviced residences complete with everything from gourmet cookware to luxury linens, serviced in the manner of fine resorts and maintained by a dedicated year round staff. A limited number of units was released this year at pre-construction prices starting at \$149,900.-, yet construction has begun and island visitors are invited to drop in to preview the detailed plans, and visit the Anabui site, before prices go up.

The sales gallery for Anabui Private Residences is located in the club house, and is staffed by a handpicked sales team, under the leadership of



an expert in the field, Sven Ellerkamp. Sven who worked for Marriott Aruba Resort Surf & Ocean Clubs as a vacation ownership consultant for eight years came on board Anabui Residence Club to help introduce the new product to the island. The dedeed 1/10th interests with the rights and privileges of traditional real

estate ownership, he says, while novel in Aruba, is a concept known around the world, already offered by top global hospitality brands and Tierra del Sol, always an industry leader, undertook the challenge of developing the first fractional resort on Aruba.

Sven explains that owners are guaranteed 28 nights in their residence each year, with flexible scheduling, and unlimited additional usage on a space available basis. The turnkey simplicity of the project, he adds, is perfect for today's vacation buyers who wish to have their property maintained year round, who desire daily housekeeping while in residence and who enjoy concierge services and other upscale amenities as matched with Tierra del Sol's island lifestyle to deliver golf, spa, fitness, food and relaxation, in a place that is fun and affordable. Pictured here the architectural rendering, the view and the construction site. □



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At Madam Janette's Event

# Super ambiance Kids Beach Tennis Tournament



PALM BEACH The kids who played in the Aruba International Beach Tennis Tournament had a great time last Sunday morning. All ages were out on the sandy courts, directed by Marieke Buuts. From 8.30 am until noon, the children were running in the sand, trying to hit some super shots over the net. Even the smallest kids had fun. The results are the following:

**Super Kids:**  
Nette van torn/Eline de Kool  
Sam Duyzen/Thomas in 't Veld

## Fun Kids:

Gijs van Voorthuizen/Karel Benschop  
Mack van den Eerenbeemt/  
Amanda Westera

## Eerenbeemt

Timothy in 't Veld/Sander Bekius

Photos show the happy winners of the Madam Janette Kids Beach Tennis Tournament. ☐

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## \*\*\* Human Hints Daily \*\*\*

### *The Importance of Exercise*

Most people exercise to loose weight and stay healthy, both of which are very important for a well-balanced life. What many people fail to consider, is the positive effects exercise has on the mind, our daily thought process and the emotional reactions we face each day.

When we exercise – when our heart rate is elevated, we breathe heavily, and we perspire – the brain releases

endorphins and other hormones that induce happiness. This directly changes our emotional reactions to daily situations. When our emotional reactions change, our Lives change.

Exercise greatly enhances the body's natural cycle of renewal.

Regular exercise is extremely important to the human body for many reasons. Everyone should exercise regularly. If you don't know where to start,

or if you're bored with your present exercise routine.

It is a well balanced program that will challenge the expert and not scare away the novice.

Perspiration purges our system, squeezing built-up toxins out of our cells while consuming fat, where toxins and old patterns are stored. This is half of the cycle of renewal.

While the old toxins and patterns are being extricated from the body, heavy breathing is replacing these now empty spaces with oxygen that is filtered by the frequency, the vibration of who we are in this moment. Oxygen cannot enter our cells unless it resonates with the cell's frequency, meaning it

must vibrate in tune with who we are in order to become a part of us. This is true for all things, and it is one way we continually redefine ourselves, renew ourselves in each moment, literally with each breath. In this way, the mind directs the body's evolution and growth.

By breathing heavily, we increase oxygen to the entire body including the brain. 30 minutes of exercise is like an injection of oxygen directly into the cells of your mind and body. Yummy! The positive effects of hyperbolic (oxygen) chambers are well documented. Exercise does the same thing.

Conscious Breath is an integral part of harnessing your personal power. Our breath is literally the Breath of Creation. Breathing helps circulate our energy, and Conscious Breath helps us to Consciously Create our lives.

These breathing techniques will help you reduce stress, tone core muscles and promote calmness in as little as ten minutes each day.

At a minimum, raise your heart rate and breathing for 20 minutes per day, 3 days per week. I prefer 30 minutes, as many days as possible each week. Your workout will depend on your specific situation, and it is prudent to check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.

Long-term exercise purges old patterns and emotions held in our bodies, and it replaces them with new ideas. It helps us think more clearly and naturally works against depression. It will help you imagine new ideas and options for your life. Regular exercise will give you more energy, and help you feel good about yourself.

**~Quentin Danziger**

Quentin has over 20 years experience balancing what we refer to as the Real World, with science and spirit. He has held positions of responsibility and authority, received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from Colorado School of Mines, and been in the audience of new age channels. HumanHints is the culmination of his knowledge, experience and practice. These free daily emails detail concrete, real-world techniques to consciously create any future you choose, while in the throes of daily life created by outdated modes of thought.

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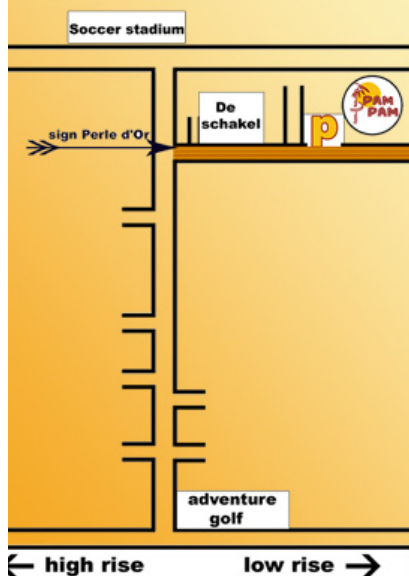






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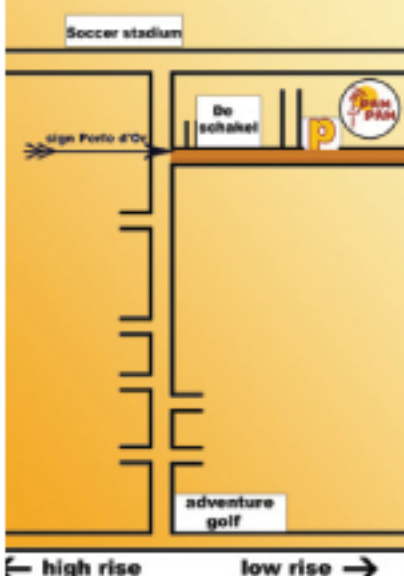
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not possible to go up in the air. The famous Breitling name goes back almost a century in the late eighteen hundreds. Now owned by the Schneider family who to date still owns it and are keeping up the Breitling tradition of not



simply make watches but are making Time Instruments. The Breitling Boutique was very appreciative of the warm reception and welcome they got from the people of Curacao and have very high expectations for this new store.□



*From Lexington, KY to Aruba,*

# Jennifer & Drew vow there love as one



romantic cruise through the Caribbean, Drew kept Jenn in anticipation yet again, waiting until they returned home. Jenn was very surprised because she thought that it was going to happen on the cruise. Jenn found the engagement ring of her dreams in St. Thomas and Drew went back to get it that afternoon. However, Drew could not get in contact with her father to ask his permission so he waited until they arrived home. The surprise was almost lost as the security guard at the airport went through my luggage, but let the ring pass.



ORANJESTAD -Jennifer Wingate & Drew Conners of Lexington, KY vowed their love as one at Renaissance Island. The couple met at Breckenridge Court Apartments when Jenn, a leasing agent, moved Drew into his apartment right below

hers. They started to date soon after. Drew thought Jenn was very attractive and Jenn thought the same and it was later revealed that Jenn had lied about there being only one apartment available and it was below hers. After seven years and a

Jenn's parents have been coming to Aruba every year since their 25th wedding anniversary in 2000. Jenn made her first trip in 2005 and knew that Aruba was where she wanted to get married. She had completely fallen in love with the island.

Drew & Jenn along with their families visited the island in November 2008. Drew also came to love the island and realized this is where they needed to begin their lives together.

Approximately 50 friends and

family from the US, Aruba, the Netherlands and Ecuador witnessed the union of marriage on Renaissance Island. The wedding coordinator, Rafael Jones of Renaissance Beach Resort did an outstanding job coordinating this wedding to

perfection to the last detail. The newlyweds danced all night under the stars with the guests as DJ Tino rocked the night away in paradise. □

*Photos by Angela Munzenhofer of Bella Aruba Photography*





# NA honours six of its supporters

DUTCH QUARTER--Six National Alliance (NA) supporters have received the Distinguished Service Award from party leader William Marlin. Honoured were Sarah Doncher, Alicia Warner, Ruth J. Alias, Marinus H. van der Neut, Henry Janvier and Camille Baly.

Congress Chairman Terry Peterson said it had been a difficult task selecting only six from many deserving people who had served the party exceptionally well over the years. The selection committee chose a diverse and inclusive group that spanned the various communities.

Marlin said the honour was a wonderful way for the NA family to recognise and celebrate the choices and extraordinary sacrifices the awardees had made over the years. "But I believe that what should make us the most proud is not the actual honour itself, but what you had to do, sometimes under harsh circumstances, to get it. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.'"

Peterson received the Award of Excellence from the Congress Committee for "executing a very successful congress and in recognition of his continuous hard work and dedication to St. Maarten." □

## Youth presenters speak about Rights of the Child

PHILIPSBURG--High-school students shared their thoughts on childhood development with government officials and others on Monday.

Students of five schools opened a week of activities in observance of International Day for the Rights of the Child, November 20, in St. Maarten/St. Martin. Youth departments of both the Dutch and French sides organised the activities.

The island's theme for the activities is "Strong Families, Strong Communities, Strong Nation, Strong Children."

Students Vanessa Scantleberry, Fabian Richardson, Genillia LeBlanc, Rose David, Victoria de Tullio and Derina Jean spoke about the role of the family, community and nation in raising strong children.

Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards said adults needed to communicate better with their children and underscored the importance of family togetherness in a healthy community. "The only way for us to know what is happening in their lives is to truly listen – not just hear them," he said. "We need to understand that without strong communities we cannot have a strong nation, and you only have strong communities where you have strong families forming the fabric of society."

Richards pressed the need for fathers to be responsible role models. "Being a father is one of the most sacred and important roles that a man undertakes," Richards said. "We must ask ourselves where our fathers are and what more our fathers need to do to assure that we protect the rights of our children and build a stronger St. Maarten."

Organisers said they planned to batter local media with information about children's rights this week.

Rights of the Child Day culminates with a Sports Day for children from here and within the Eastern Caribbean at Raoul Illidge Sports Complex on Saturday, November 21. □

Aruba and Curacao are also invited

# Witnesses campaign before convention

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES in Trinidad and Tobago are launching a vigorous campaign to invite all to hear interesting discussions about the Bible's description of what many people refer to as the end of the world. Witnesses are convinced that each of their neighbours will be intrigued and even encouraged by what will be presented at the 2009 "Keep on the Watch" international convention to be held at the Queen's Park Oval.

Starting this weekend and continuing for the next three weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will extend a personal invitation to everyone throughout the twin-island Republic to attend the four-day event that will begin on December 10.

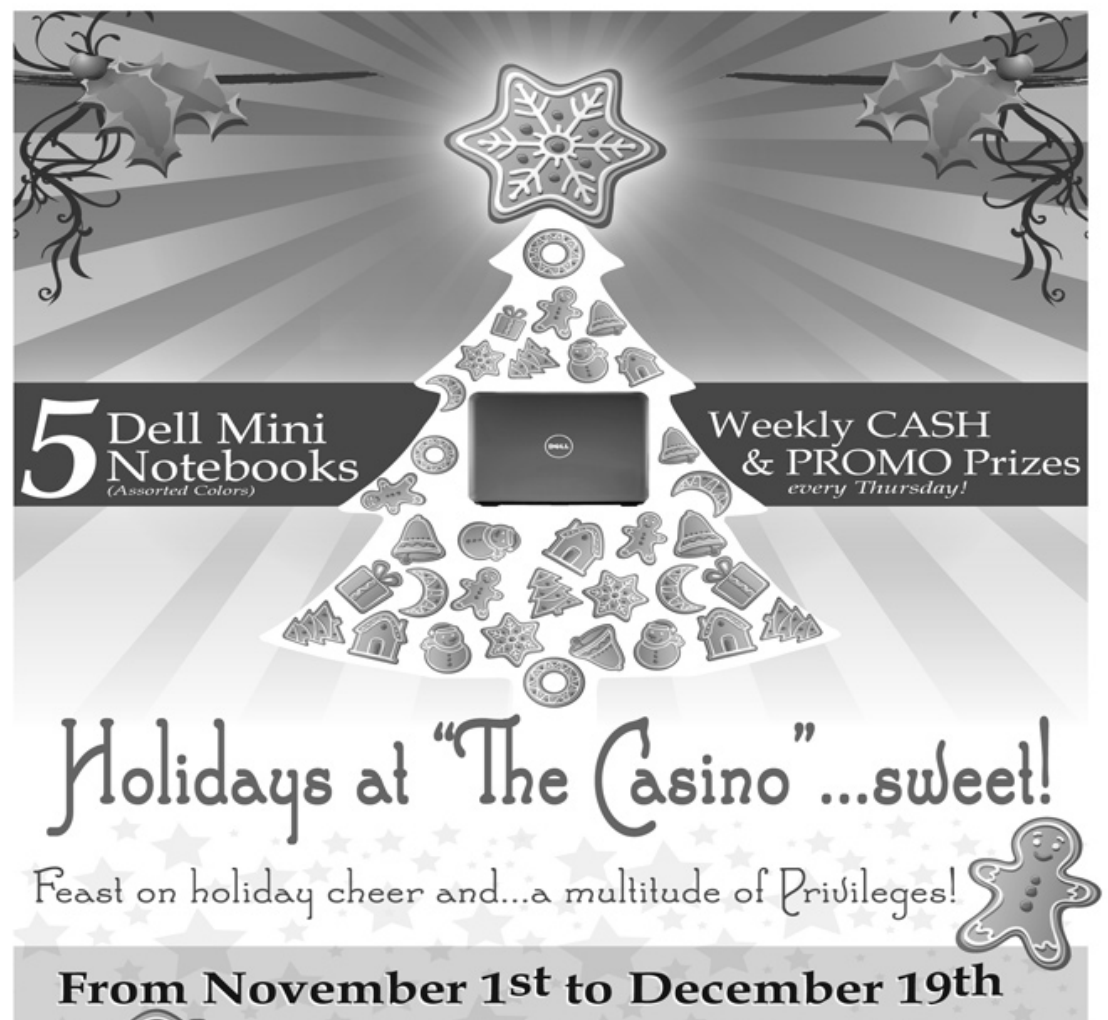
The theme is based on several passages of the Bible, including Matthew 24:42 and Mark 12:347, where Jesus instructed his followers to "keep on the watch". How the Bible illuminates and clarifies the import of those words for modern Bible readers will be the focus of the programme. Admission to the convention is

free, and no collections will be taken.

The Witnesses campaign will include the distribution of an attractively illustrated invitation. They hope to extend a personal invitation to as many people as possible.

All of the 110 Witness congregations throughout Trinidad and Tobago will be supporting this concerted effort to increase awareness of the convention.

Witness delegates from some 20 other countries, including islands in the Caribbean, also Aruba, Curacao, Suriname, Venezuela and the USA have been invited. A special feature of the programme will be reports and experiences shared by Witness missionaries from around the world. Witnesses expect an excellent turnout for the event. They look forward to welcoming many non-witnesses to the convention and believe that all who attend will benefit from the practical and timely information presented. □



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# Theo, USONA sign funding agreement for zoning plan

PHILIPSBURG - - Commissioner in charge of Development and Planning Theo Heyliger signed a Naf. two million financial agreement with USONA for the development of an island-wide zoning plan for St. Maarten on Monday. Some 16 years in the making, the plan will regulate the way land is allowed to be used. The Commissioner hopes the plan will also steer development that will properly befit each respective area. Department of Public Housing, Spatial Planning and

Environment (VROM) Head of Spatial Planning and Traffic Hendrik-Jan van Ieperen explained that the intention of the 1993 Zoning Ordinance had been to zone the entire Dutch side. "Sixteen years later, the only zoning plan we have is for Fort Amsterdam," he said. "A plan has been approved by the Executive Council for Lowlands, and recently work has started on Simpson Bay and the hillsides, but work in terms of zoning still has to start for all other areas," he said.

He explained that USONA funds would in part go towards contracting a consultant to assist the understaffed department of VROM with preparing the plan. Regarding concerns that might arise from the general public about existing requests for building permits, Van Ieperen explained that any request submitted before the Executive Council adopted the preparatory resolution green-lighting the zoning plan would not be affected. The resolution was adopted by the Executive Council some two weeks ago.

"Outlined in this preparatory resolution are the terms of reference for the future zoning plan. The development direction for the various areas in broad terms is already known. If the building permit request and attached plans fit within those guidelines, the building permit will be granted," he said. "If not," he continued, "the permit request will either be denied or put on hold if the development direction for that specific area has not yet been clarified by the zoning plan. The request will be put on hold until the zoning plan is completed." Recognising that such a plan cannot be finalised without

the input of the community, Commissioner Heyliger assured and implored the general public to contribute when open sessions were held to discuss the plan. "This is not something we cannot do alone. The public will have to contribute and share ideas about how they would want to see the island developed. The public will get ample opportunities to offer input. I think this plan is good for St. Maarten and we are moving in the right direction as we move towards country status," the Commissioner said. The development time frame of the plan, by law, cannot exceed two years.

## Johnson says reassignment of Brooks a ploy, will not support

PHILIPSBURG--GEBE Supervisory Board member Will Johnson clarified on Monday a vote he had cast late last year regarding possible reassignment of Managing Director William Brooks, by calling it a ploy to oust Brooks from his position. As reported on Monday, one option that remains on the table, besides outright dismissal, is to have Brooks reassigned within the company – a decision unanimously approved by the board, including Johnson.

In response, Johnson said he had only voted for the option with the understanding that Brooks would simply be spoken to in an effort to address any differences with the Supervisory Board, not to dismiss him. "I am not for any reassignment of Brooks or any removal. He should stay in his current position," Johnson said.

"Lambert had threatened to resign from the board at the time, unless Brooks was spoken to. I reluctantly went along with the decision and informed the shareholders that under no circumstances would I support any move to dismiss Brooks. It was under stern objection to any further action other than him being spoken to, to address some issues," Johnson said.

The veteran politician and historian went on to say his conscience was clear and his support for Brooks, a young St. Maarten professional, remained consistent in the face of "relentless efforts" to oust him.

When asked if his support stemmed from the fact that a new engine had been ordered for Saba, reportedly unauthorised and unbudgeted by the board, Johnson said his support was for the best interest of GEBE on all three islands.

"I also supported the decision to purchase the two new 11.3-megawatt engines for St. Maarten. So I don't look at the interest of individual islands, but of all three islands. And, as a matter of fact, Brooks has been doing a good job for all three islands," he said. □





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# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

The obesity epidemic in Western countries has received much attention lately. Newspapers, magazines, and television are full of images of people who have become way too plump. Public Health Departments are sounding alarms and obesity foundations are established to fight the "battle of the bulge", no doubt, to save us from our dilemma with magic and profitable solutions.

There is cause for concern. Weighing more than 20 percent more than is recommended for your height puts you at much higher medical risk. Socialized medicine governmental entities, already financially wilting under current liabilities will find it impossible, without first bankrupting its privileged recipients, to honor their fiscal responsibilities when the medical realities of obesity manifest. What insurance companies are tabulating is that treating obesity related disorders costs as much or more than illnesses caused by aging, smoking, and drug or alcohol abuse.

The costs of dealing with the consequences of obesity rise along with the severity of the disorder. Being overweight or obese increases the odds of suffering from diabetes, cardiovascular disease and osteoarthritis which are the major reasons for obesity healthcare costs. Along with heavy costs, obesity is also associated with a greater loss of productivity and increased rates of disability.

A susceptibility to gain

## Obesity Reflections

weight begins early. For children, factors that will intensify risks for adult obesity includes: having obese parents, lack of sound sleep, lack of exercise due to countless hours spent in front of TV and computers, high birth weight; rapid weight gain; quick growth in years one and two; and early body fat. Being fat in the childhood and teenage years seems to be even more predictive of later obesity where about 70 percent of overweight adolescents end up obese later in life. Families that have to deal with substance abuse particularly alcoholism and cocaine abuse develop children that have problems themselves with substance abuse, depression and obesity.

The net result is a surge of diet books and other weight related disorders: bulimia and anorexia. As a Clinical Nutritionist I believe a professional, individual nutrition plan based on metabolic blood testing offers a medically verified guide, but no magic to success. We swallow expensive pharmaceutical drugs, drink magic liquids and in desperation have our stomachs stapled. The fat either never goes away or quickly returns.

As a Certified Addiction Professional, I am mindful that processed carbohydrates and sugar impact the brain using the same pathway as drugs and alcohol and are as addicting. Alcohol, a very concentrated

sugar starts the ball rolling for further abuse. Obesity for many is just a reflection that their drug of choice is simple carbohydrates.

As a Medical Anthropologist, I am amazed that no medical source or media is aware or has the courage to venture into the symbolism of obesity. My favorite deity of Indian iconography is Ganapathi which means "Lord of the Universe". He is the god with the Elephant Face whose obese elephant body symbolically contains the whole universe. Symbolism is very important in the Indian iconography, which has many lessons for us.

However, even the culture that evolved Yoga, which urges its practitioners to pay attention to health and good life in many forms is going the way of all evolving countries. Even the Indian Medical Association announced the intake of fat in India has gone up by 20 per cent over the past 50 years and now 27 per cent of its school children in Delhi are obese.

In my travels in the Far East I have frequently seen images of a fat "Buddha". A fat body is usually, as we know an indication of access to lots of food. It symbolically indicates blessings in the form of prosperity. Sometimes it is also, not surprisingly, associated with fertility. The fertility goddess statues of ancient Europe and Middle East were all obese.

My work in the

prevention and treatment of obesity with Native Americans and Pacific Islanders, groups that share many of the same cultural values, was made difficult by the traditional cultural notion that "bigness" is a sign of wealth and power. Wealth and power also get wrapped up in symbolism of "health".

Thus, in most traditional cultures obesity is about being rich, well fed, and healthy. However, social reality shows us that obesity is most often related to poverty, low economic status, and exclusion from the health system. In the Caribbean obesity has historically been ignored, neglected and just taken for granted that a middle-aged woman gets fat and then dies from diabetes.

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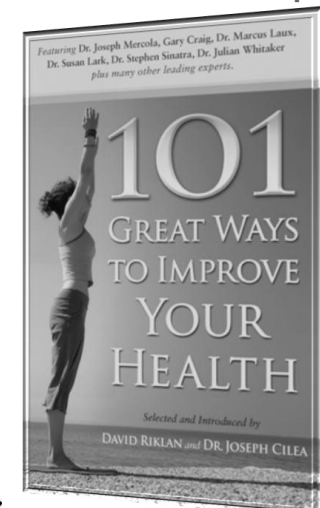
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# Vaccines on horizon for AIDS, Alzheimer's, herpes



**FILE** - In this undated photo provided by Sanofi Pasteur, technicians perform production operations during a dry run at the company's influenza manufacturing facility in Swiftwater, Pa. Long seen as a sleepy, low-profit niche in the drug industry, this year investment in partnerships and other deals to develop and manufacture in vaccines is on a tear, seen as a crucial new path to growth.

(AP Photo/Sanofi Pasteur, David W. Coulter)

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**,  
AP Writer  
MARIETTA, Pa. — Malaria. Tuberculosis. Alzheimer's disease. AIDS. Pandemic flu. Genital herpes. Urinary tract infections. Grass allergies. Traveler's diarrhea. You name it, the pharmaceutical industry is working on a vaccine to prevent it. Many could be on the market in five years or less. Contrast that with five years ago, when so many companies had abandoned the vaccine business that half the U.S. supply of flu shots was lost because of contamination at one of the two manufacturers left. Vaccines are no longer a sleepy, low-profit niche in a booming drug industry. Today, they're starting to give ailing pharmaceutical makers a shot in the arm. The lure of big profits, advances in technology and growing government support has been drawing

in new companies, from nascent biotechs to Johnson & Johnson. That means recent remarkable strides in overcoming dreaded diseases and annoying afflictions likely will continue. "Even if a small portion of everything that's going on now is successful in the next 10 years, you put that together with the last 10 years (and) it's going to be characterized as a golden era," says Emilio Emini, Pfizer Inc.'s head of vaccine research. Vaccines now are viewed as a crucial path to growth, as drugmakers look for ways to bolster slowing prescription medicine sales amid intensifying generic competition and government pressure to cut down prices under the federal health overhaul. Unlike medicines that treat diseases, vaccines help prevent infections by revving up the body's natural immune defenses against invaders.

They are made from viruses, bacteria or parts of them that have been killed or weakened so they generally can't cause an infection.

Investment in partnerships and other deals to develop and manufacture vaccines has been on a tear — and accelerating since the swine flu pandemic began. Billions in government grants are bringing better, faster ways to develop and manufacture vaccines. Rising worldwide emphasis on preventive health care, plus the advent of the first multibillion-dollar vaccines, have further boosted their appeal.

While prescription drug sales are forecast to rise by a third in five years, vaccine sales should double, from \$19 billion last year to \$39 billion in 2013, according to market research firm Kalorama Information. That's five times the \$8 billion in vaccine sales in 2004.

"What was essentially 25 years ago a rounding error now has become real money," says Robin Robertson, director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research Development Authority.

That jump is due to a couple of new blockbuster vaccines and rising use of existing ones. The government's list of recommended vaccines for children since has more than doubled since 1985 to 17. It now also calls for a half-dozen vaccines for everyone over 18 and up to four more for some adults.

The last decade brought breakthrough vaccines against pneumococcal disease and rotavirus — two of the world's top killers — meningitis,

cervical cancer and more.

Better technology to create and mass produce vaccines is bringing progress in preventing tropical dengue fever and new threats like superbugs MRSA and C. difficile, even ending addiction to cocaine and nicotine. Success on some vaccines in development, particularly for Alzheimer's and AIDS, likely would bring billions a year in sales.

Just this fall and early next year, the swine flu vaccines are expected to bring their makers at least a couple billion extra dollars.

That's despite the five manufacturers for the U.S. not being able to meet an optimistic plan to first make seasonal flu shots and then produce 120 million doses of swine flu vaccine by mid-October — an unprecedented task.

But they are steadily catching up with demand.

Unlike most vaccines now "manufactured" in mammal, yeast or other cells — quickly, purely and at high yields — flu vaccines are still grown over many weeks in chicken eggs because it's economical and those newer, faster methods aren't U.S.-approved yet. Because swine flu vaccine grew slower than expected, there have been shortages — and lines of anxious consumers.

But a horde of biotech companies, many using multimillion-dollar government grants, already are testing state-of-the-art technology for the next pandemic.

Scientists — including some at J&J's new vaccine partner,

Holland's Crucell NV — even are working to develop the holy grail: a universal flu vaccine targeting a part of the virus that doesn't change year to year.

And some future vaccines will come in patches, pills and nasal sprays, rather than painful shots.

In the last century, vaccines dramatically lengthened lifespans by stopping diseases that killed or disabled millions, from smallpox to polio.

After all those successes, many pharmaceutical companies instead focused on lucrative daily pills for chronic diseases. By the middle of this decade, only a handful were still making vaccines, which are harder to produce than chemical-based pills, making yields unpredictable.

That led to the 2004 fiasco when half the U.S. flu shot supply was lost overnight, plus continuing periodic shortages of some kids' vaccines.

Today, five companies supply flu vaccine: GlaxoSmithKline, Switzerland's Novartis AG, Australia's CSL Biotherapies, MedImmune, part of Britain's AstraZeneca PLC, and France's Sanofi-Aventis SA. There's been more research on flu vaccines in the last five years than in the previous 20, notes Dr. William Schaffner, Vanderbilt University's head of preventive medicine and a spokesman for the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Now many drugmakers are rethinking vaccines.

Britain's GlaxoSmithKline is gunning to become the world's top vaccine manufacturer by revenue, unseating pioneer Merck & Co. □



# John Mayer makes sure music rises above tabloids

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY,

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NEW YORK — If you're engrossed in the tabloid Internet-gossip that has come to define the celebrity world, then John Mayer's latest CD, "Battle Studies," could provide enough fodder to fill at least a dozen Perez Hilton blog posts or at least one story in Us Weekly.

The single, "Heartbreak Warfare," already has some speculating on its subject with lyrics like: "If you want more love, why don't you say so?... Bombs are falling everywhere, heartbreak warfare."

Hmmm ... could that be a message to a certain famous "friend" who he's been linked with on and off for the last two years? A look into the much-dissected love life of one of music's hottest hunks?

Mention this to Mayer himself, and you'll get a serious eyeroll, followed up with an "Are you kidding me?" look.

"I know some people think that, but it doesn't," a slightly exasperated Mayer says during a break in rehearsals for two upcoming concerts to promote his new CD (his concert airs on Fuse on Tuesday night, the same day as the album's release).

"That would mean that my

personal life is more powerful than the music itself, and it's just not. No one's personal life is more powerful than music itself, and it's just not.

"By the way, I'm not the first person to process a personal life into putting out a record," he adds. "I think if there's any intrigue — obviously it would be silly of me to ask somebody not to be intrigued — but I think when the music starts playing, you're not thinking about my life, you're thinking about yours."

Mayer has rarely shied away from attention. He provides must-read updates to his more than 2.6 million followers on Twitter, engaged in a high-profile romance with Jennifer Aniston (which followed the high-profile romance with Jessica Simpson, which followed a romance with yet another startlet), has written for blogs and magazines and is known as one of the wittiest, media-savvy entertainers around.

But he is weary of those who would rather put the focus on John Mayer, the celebrity, and not John Mayer, the critically acclaimed, multiplatinum singer-songwriter-guitarist once heralded by Rolling Stone as one of rock's new "guitar gods."

"I've never liked the idea of

somebody co-opting who I am, and I don't think anybody does," says Mayer, sitting in a small room as guitars wail in the background.

It's been nearly a decade since JohnMayerburstontothemusic scene as the boyish-looking, uncommonly gifted musician on "Room for Squares," with hits like "Your Body Is a Wonderland." Over the years, he's worked with everyone from B.B. King to Buddy Guy, won seven Grammys and created signature hits like "Daughters" and "Gravity." Billed as the "next James Taylor," he quickly created a musical identity of his own.

"Battle Studies" — his fourth studio album — is what he describes as perhaps his most lyrically complex, and yet at the same time, his most straight-forward. Now a veteran musician and producer, he has more confidence and experience when making a record: "I don't see it as a series of winning bets. I see it as something I do for a living."

The album finds Mayer at his most emotionally vulnerable, with songs titles like "Half of My Heart" (which features Taylor Swift) and "Perfectly Lonely." Mayer describes it as the "loose-ends phase of my life." "I have all the big pieces



In this Nov. 14, 2009 photo, musician John Mayer is shown during a rehearsal in New York.

(AP Photo/Carlo Allegri)

figured out... I know what I want to do for my life, I know who my friends are, I know how to behave, I know what burns when I touch it because it's too hot," he says. "It's about tidying up those last few things so we can really get to the point in life so the struggle isn't the main event."

ButMayer'sromanticstruggles have become the main focus in the tabloid world — and he's rarely painted as the wounded party — most notably his relationship with Aniston, which reached its media apex when he escorted her to the Oscars earlier this year (and perhaps its low when he was quoted as confirming their then-breakup to paparazzi last year).

Mayer has dated other celebrities in the past, but the Aniston romance put him into tabloid overdrive. He was at best defined as a Lothario — at worst, a cad. But what has been potentially more

damaging is that in some circles, it has overshadowed his musicianship.

"You know what I really like? I like when people say to me, 'Gee, I didn't know he could play like that,'" says drummer Steve Jordan, the album's co-producer who has worked with Mayer for at least five years on various projects. "(People) see a People magazine or a Us (Weekly) magazine and they think that's what it's all about."

And that infuriates Mayer to no end.

"By the way, I didn't really kill anybody. I didn't smash a car, I didn't commit a crime... I don't like the idea that there's an indictment on anything that I do," he says.

"The idea that there has been a sully of my image ... I'm not going to be buried with an Us Weekly. I don't give a (expletive) about it anymore, I can't worry about it and I don't worry about it. □



GENEVA (AFP) — Switzerland's top criminal court said Tuesday that it was likely to rule in two to three weeks' time on film-maker Roman Polanski's appeal for bail.

Polanski's lawyers lodged the appeal at the Federal Criminal Tribunal on November 3 after an earlier bail request was turned down.

"A decision on the matter will

## Polanski bail ruling likely in two to three weeks: court

probably be issued in the next two to three weeks," said court official Mascia Gregori Al-Barafi in an e-mail response to questions about the appeal.

He can make a final appeal to Switzerland's supreme court if the ruling is unfavourable, she confirmed.

The 76 year-old French-Polish director is being held in Switzerland pending a decision on US extradition request on three decades-old child sex charges.

His lawyers are also contesting the extradition, setting the scene for a lengthy legal battle.

Swiss authorities turned down Polanski's most recent appeal to be freed on bail nearly three weeks ago, saying the risk

that the French-Polish movie director would escape the country was "still too high."

The director of "Rosemary's Baby", "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" has been regarded as a fugitive by US authorities since he fled the United States in 1978 after admitting to having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

He was detained by Swiss police acting on a US extradition warrant when he flew into Zurich to collect an award at the Swiss city's film festival late September.

Polanski's lawyers are due to ask a California appeals court on December 10 to dismiss the child sex conviction against Polanski, legal sources have said. □

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## Stocks turn lower on earnings data, rising dollar



The outside of the Saks Fifth Avenue store is seen in New York in this file image from October 8, 2009. Upscale U.S. department store operator Saks Inc reported a quarterly profit that beat Wall Street expectations for a loss, stoking investor hopes for a luxury market recovery and sending shares up 4.4 percent.

REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton/Files

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**  
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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK – Stocks mostly fell Tuesday as disappointing reports about retailers and manufacturing gave investors little incentive to keep buying after two weeks of big gains. A rebounding dollar also sapped investors' appetite for stocks.

Retailers' earnings reports offered little insight into one of the market's biggest worry points: how much consumers are spending. Home Depot Inc., Saks Inc. and Target Corp. all reported better-than-expected third-quarter results but also said they remain cautious ahead of the holiday shopping season.

"Despite the dramatic rally in the stock market, we still see the consumer operating at recessionary levels," said Uri Landesman, chief equity strategist and senior portfolio manager at ING Investment Management in New York.

Better retail news pushed stocks higher Monday as a government report showed a rebound in overall sales in October. Investors are looking for signs that consumer spending, one of the biggest

drivers of the U.S. economy, will recover during the holiday season.

A report on industrial production disappointed the market. The Fed said output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.1 percent in October, less than the 0.4 percent predicted by economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

Meanwhile, signs of inflation remained muted, a positive signal for the economy. The Labor Department's Produce Price Index, which measures inflation at the wholesale level, rose less than expected in October.

The 0.3 percent rise was smaller than economists' forecasts of 0.5 percent and followed a decline of 0.6 percent a month earlier.

"The market is saying inflation is not an issue," said Tim Courtney, chief investment officer at Oklahoma City-based Burns Advisory Group. He said that's a signal interest rates will remain low.

The dollar, whose slump since the spring has helped prop up commodity and stock prices, rose against other major currencies, a negative for stock market sentiment. A higher

dollar makes U.S. exports less competitive overseas and also tends to depress commodity prices. The price of gold fell after setting a record a day earlier.

In early afternoon trading, Dow Jones industrial average fell 18.51, or 0.2 percent, to 10,388.45. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4.30, or 0.4 percent, to 1,105.00, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.82, or 0.3 percent, to 2,192.03.

Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 460.4 million shares compared with 546.7 million shares traded at the same point Monday.

At the start of trading Tuesday, the Dow was up 694 points, or 7.2 percent, for the month. That has some analysts saying the market has been rising too fast given problems like unemployment still facing the economy.

Major indexes jumped to 13-month highs on Monday on the bigger-than-expected rebound in retail sales in October. The Dow jumped 136 points and the S&P closed above the 1,100 level for the first time in more than a year. Stocks will often pause in the days immediately after big gains.

A weaker dollar on Monday also sent commodities prices higher, which in turn lifted the stocks of energy and basic materials companies. Stocks have frequently been moving in the opposite direction of the dollar in recent months.

Crude oil fell 22 cents to \$78.68 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Bond prices mostly fell. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.35 percent from 3.34 percent late Monday. □



FILE - In this May 28, 2008 file photo, a Costco customer picks up a case of Diet Coke at Costco in Mountain View, Calif. Costco said late Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, it is no longer carrying Coca-Cola products in its stores nationwide due to a pricing dispute with the beverage maker.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

## Costco nixes Coke products over pricing dispute

By **EMILY FREDRIX**  
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AP Food Industry Writers

ATLANTA – Costco customers may have to look elsewhere for Coca-Cola products now that the retailer has stopped carrying them because the pair are fighting over prices.

The public squabble between one of the nation's largest wholesale club operators and the world's largest soft drink maker is likely to fizzle quickly. But it reveals real tensions as retailers and product makers square off on prices.

As shoppers continue to grapple with the recession, retailers want to win their favor by giving them low prices. But that has been creating tension between product makers like Coca-Cola Co., who are working hard to maintain profit margins while meeting retailer demands.

Typically such negotiations take place behind the scenes, but once in awhile, a public dispute erupts.

"Beneath this surface of harmony, it's a dogfight out there," Gerry Khermouch, editor of Beverage Business Insights, said Tuesday at an investor meeting held by the soft drink maker at its hometown of Atlanta.

Retailers want to wield more power in determining pricing with product makers, who they depend on to stock their customers' favorite brands, Khermouch said.

Costco has been aggressive in putting up signs on store shelves and notices on its Web site.

"Costco is committed to carrying name brand merchandise at the best possible prices.

At this time, Coca-Cola has not provided Costco with competitive pricing so that we may pass along the value our members deserve," said a message on the company's Web site labeled "Price Alert!"

A Costco executive confirmed the move Monday but would not discuss the matter further.

The wholesale club operator, based in Issaquah, Wash., is not removing products like Coke and Diet Coke from store shelves, but it does not plan to restock them "until the matter is resolved," according to the message on its site. □





U.S. President Barack Obama, left, and Chinese President Hu Jintao, right, prepare to take their seats at a state dinner reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009.

Associated Press

## Obama, Hu vow cooperation but produce few deals

CHARLES HUTZLER

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao promised a determined, joint effort to tackle climate change, nuclear disarmament and other global troubles yet emerged from their first full-blown summit Tuesday with scant progress beyond goodwill. After two hours of talks and a separate meeting over dinner the night before, the presidents spoke of moving beyond the divisiveness over human rights, trade and military tensions that have bedeviled relations in past decades.

“The major challenges of the 21st century, from climate change to nuclear proliferation to economic recovery, are challenges that touch both our nations, and challenges that neither of our nations can solve by acting alone,” Obama said, standing with the Chinese leader in the Great Hall of the People.

Hu, who heads a collective leadership that often has preferred to go it alone internationally, said: “There are growing global challenges, and countries in today’s world have become more and more interdependent.”

On climate, Obama said the United States and China are looking for a comprehensive deal during next month’s climate change summit

that will “rally the world.”

Obama said the goal at the Copenhagen meeting should be an agreement that has “immediate operational effect,” not just a political declaration. As the world’s two largest consumers and producers of energy, Obama said the United States and China must play a key role in negotiating an agreement. Hu committed to helping, but only within China’s capabilities.

With each of the big issues — from global warming to the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs — persistent differences bubbled up in the form of indirect barbs during the joint appearance.

Stung by new U.S. levies on imports of Chinese-made tires and steel pipes, Hu said he told Obama that given a still struggling global economy both countries “need to oppose and reject protectionism in all its manifestations in an even stronger stand.”

Obama later called on China to relax controls that keep the Chinese currency relatively weak and thus help fuel exports — something Beijing officials have rejected in recent days. Obama also pointedly raised human rights, saying they are fundamental to all.

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## Report: Homosexuality no factor in abusive priests

RACHEL ZOLL,

AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — A preliminary report commissioned by U.S. Roman Catholic bishops on the roots of the clergy sex abuse scandal found no evidence that gay priests are more likely than heterosexual clergy to molest children, the lead authors of the study said Tuesday.

The full report by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice won’t be completed until the end of next year. But the authors said that their evidence to date found no data indicating that homosexuality was a predictor of abuse.

“What we are suggesting is that the idea of sexual identity be separated from the problem of sexual abuse,” said Margaret Smith of John Jay College, in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. “At this point, we do not find a connection between homosexual identity and the increased likelihood of subsequent abuse from the data that we have right now.”

The question has been raised repeatedly within and outside the church because the overwhelming majority of known victims were boys. As part of the church’s response to the crisis, the Vatican ordered a review of all U.S. seminaries that, among other issues, looked for any “evidence of homosexuality” in the schools.

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In this , Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006 file photo, Iraq’s Sunni Arab vice president Tariq al-Hashimi, gestures as he speaks to the press following his meeting with other politicians and President Jalal Talabani in Baghdad ,Iraq. Hashimi said Sunday Nov. 15, 2009, that he cannot approve the country’s election law unless changes are made giving Iraqis living abroad more guaranteed seats in parliament. His move throws the country’s national vote in January into question.

Associated Press

## Kurdish, Sunni demands may derail Iraqi elections

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq’s Kurds threatened Tuesday to boycott national elections, days after the country’s Sunni vice president threatened to veto the newly passed election law needed to hold the January vote.

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# Military base slayings prompt Pentagon review

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon will investigate its procedures in light of the Fort Hood shooting rampage, looking at how all the U.S. military services keep a watch on potential problems in their ranks, officials said Tuesday. The probe is still in the planning stages, but would be a broad examination beyond the particulars of Army psychiatrist Nidal Malik Hasan, officials said. Defense Secretary Robert Gates wants a unified probe that hits all corners of the Pentagon, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said.

“This is shaping up to be a DoD effort,” Morrell said, using shorthand for the Department of Defense.

“This is larger than the Army. There are issues that need to be looked at department-wide, and the focus at this point is trying to figure out some of those questions,” he added.

The investigation would consider some questions Morrell described as immediate, although he would not be specific, and some he said will take longer to frame and sort through.

Another official said there will be a fast look at whether the military has missed red flags that might signal there are other potentially dangerous service members out there. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still being organized.

The Army has also been preparing to launch its own internal probe. The Pentagon review could supersede that, although it is not clear whether the Army will still go ahead separately.

Though it is still undecided who would do such a review and exactly what it would include, officials are working to make an announcement on it soon, a senior defense official said Tuesday on condition of anonymity because plans are still fluid.

Morrell said there has been no decision on the structure, time line or staffing for a review. “He’s trying to come to a



A U.S. Army honor guard fires off a 21-gun salute during the burial ceremony of Pfc. Aaron Nemelka at Camp Williams, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 in Riverton, Utah. Nemelka was one of 13 gunned down at Fort Hood, Texas.

resolution of this as quickly as possible, but this has not been nailed down quite yet,” Morrell said of Gates.

Hasan, an Army major, is accused of killing 13 people in the Nov. 5 shooting rampage at the Texas base.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey had said earlier that the service would take a hard look at itself following the Nov. 5 shooting.

Any new review would have to be careful not to interfere with the continuing criminal

investigation, defense officials said. And so it could look at things outside that realm such as personnel policy and practices and whether there are adequate health services for troubled troops, one official said.

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## AP source: NYC newspapers' delivery offices raided

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NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators in the city raided offices for some of the nation’s largest newspapers Tuesday as part of a corruption probe into a powerful union that has long faced accusations of ties to organized crime, a law enforcement official said.

Police officers working with the Manhattan district attorney’s office searched for paperwork related to the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union in circulation, production and delivery offices of The New York Times, the New York Post, the Daily News and El Diario, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said search warrants also were executed at a labor union, but he would not specify which.

“The investigation solely concerns business activity and practice and is completely unrelated to the content of any publication,” he said.

The Times, Daily News and El Diario-La Prensa confirmed their offices were searched but said their companies were not subjects of the investigation. The Post declined to comment.

El Diario-La Prensa Publisher Rosana Rosado said the search warrant sought information

into allegations of corruption at the union, which packages and delivers newspapers across the region. The Times said the office of an employee at its plant in the College Point area of Queens had been searched.

The 1,600-member union wields considerable power over news companies that rely on their drivers to deliver hundreds of thousands of papers each day, and allegations of connections to organized crime are not new. Calls to the union’s headquarters were not answered Tuesday.

The news deliverers’ parent union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, referred inquiries to the local union.

The Audit Bureau of Circulations, a nonprofit association of advertisers, ad agencies and publishers that provides media audits, had no comment on the investigation.

Morgenthau once charged the newspaper union was under mob control for decades and sought to have a court-appointed trustee take it over in 1992, after an investigation that also involved a search of the Post and Daily News offices.

“The mob has been in control so long that it will take a special master with special powers to clean up the union,” Morgenthau said then.

The union rackets ultimately raised operating costs for newspapers, prosecutors said. □

A top priority, this official said, likely would be to look at red flags missed in Hasan’s case, with an eye toward ensuring there are not other similar missed cases out there waiting to happen.

“A tragedy like this certainly gives this institution an opportunity to reflect on whether we are doing everything that we can and should to prevent something like this from happening,” said Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman. He said Gates has not made any decision on a defense-wide review.

Two military officials said Tuesday that Casey is looking at forming an investigative panel. It would look at Hasan as a whole, his career development and at what point someone should have or might have raised an alarm, one of the officials said. The other said the terms of what the panel would do have not been defined.

The proposed Army probe would focus on Hasan’s six years at Washington’s Walter Reed Medical Center, where he worked as a psychiatrist before he was transferred to Fort Hood in July, one said.

The doctors who oversaw Hasan’s medical training had discussed at a meeting concerns about Hasan’s overly zealous religious views and strange behavior months before the attack, a military official told The Associated Press last week. Hasan also was characterized as a mediocre student and lazy worker, but the doctors saw no evidence that he was violent or a threat. The military official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the meeting.

The FBI learned late last year of Hasan’s repeated contact with a radical Muslim cleric in Yemen who encouraged Muslims to kill U.S. troops in Iraq.

President Barack Obama already has ordered a review of all intelligence related to Hasan and whether the information was properly shared and acted upon within government agencies. □



# Gay couples blast federal Defense of Marriage Act

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BOSTON (AP)—Gay married couples suing the government over a federal law that doesn't recognize same-sex unions say there is "no legitimate or plausible" reason for having a federal definition of marriage that excludes gay couples. The lawsuit was brought by seven gay couples and three widowers, all of whom were married in Massachusetts after it became the first U.S. state to legalize gay marriage in 2004.

In court documents filed Tuesday, the couples say the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution because it denies them access to federal benefits given to other married couples, including pensions, health insurance and the ability to file joint tax returns. They argue that the law "eviscerates" the historic power of the states to establish criteria for marriage.

"DOMA marks a stark, and unique, departure from the respect and recognition the federal government has long

afforded to State marital status determinations," lawyers for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders argue in a written response to the U.S. Department of Justice motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

In addition to Massachusetts, gay marriage is now legal in Vermont, Connecticut and Iowa. New Hampshire's law takes effect Jan. 1. Earlier this month, voters in Maine repealed a state law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed.

In a court filing in September, Justice officials made it clear that the Obama administration thinks the Defense of Marriage Act is discriminatory and should be repealed. But the department said it has an obligation to defend federal laws when they are challenged in court.

The law, enacted in 1996, was passed by Congress at a time when it appeared Hawaii would become the first state to legalize same-sex marriage. Opponents worried that other states would be forced to recognize such marriages.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department had no

immediate comment on the latest court filing by the same-sex couples.

In its written response to the lawsuit, filed in September, the Justice Department argued that there is no fundamental right to marriage-based federal benefits and says Congress is entitled to address issues of social reform on an "incremental" basis.

"Congress is therefore permitted to provide benefits only to those who have historically been permitted to marry, without extending the same benefit to those only recently permitted to do so," the government said.

The couples who brought the lawsuit are asking U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro to reject the government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit and to find in their favor without a trial. Specifically, the group is asking for a ruling that the section of the law that excludes same-sex couples from federal marriage-based benefits is unconstitutional,



In this Oct. 6, 2009 file photo, Ed Grandis, left, and Juan D. Rondon, hug after a bill allowing same-sex marriage in the District of Columbia was introduced at a city council meeting in Washington. A measure to let voters decide whether to ban same-sex marriages in D.C. cannot go on the ballot because it would violate a city human rights law, the Board of Elections and Ethics ruled Tuesday Nov. 17, 2009. The D.C. City Council is expected to approve gay marriage next month, but opponents wanted voters to weigh in. The elections board said allowing residents to vote on a ban would conflict with the city's 1977 Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination.

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as applied to the couples who brought the lawsuit.

Such a ruling would mean that those couples would be eligible for the benefits they have been denied. The ruling also would likely extend to other Massachusetts couples. "If we won, then it would be unconstitutional to deny access to these programs to other married same-sex couples in

Massachusetts," said Mary Bonauto, one of the attorneys representing the couples.

It would take a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court or an act of Congress to strike down the law.

A bill to repeal the law was introduced in the U.S. House in September, but has little chance of making it to a vote this year. □



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# AP sources: Senate weighs long-term care program



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WASHINGTON — Senate health care legislation expected this week is likely to include a new long-term care insurance program to help the elderly and the

disabled avoid going into nursing homes, Democratic officials say.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is expected to incorporate the voluntary program in legislation to be unveiled

as early as Wednesday, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a final decision has not been made.

Known as the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act, the program was a top priority for the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. It would begin to close a gap in the social safety net that's received little attention in the health care debate.

Fiscal conservatives and government economists have questioned whether the program would be financially sustainable over the long run, and insurance companies are lobbying to strip it from the health care bill.

Nonetheless, the House included the program in its health care legislation, with the approval of the Obama administration.

In the Senate, the Health Committee bill had included it, but the Finance Committee omitted it. The approach Reid is considering in a combined bill would address the objections of fiscal conservatives by stipulating that premiums from the program could not be counted in offsetting the cost of the broader health care bill. Reid's office had no comment on Tuesday.

The cost of nursing homes averages \$70,000 a year, and a home care attendant runs about \$29 an hour. Medicare only covers temporary nursing home stays. Middle-class households have to exhaust their savings before an elder can qualify for nursing home coverage through Medicaid.

Under the proposed program, people would pay a modest monthly premium during their working years. If they become disabled, they would get a cash benefit of at least \$50 a day that could be used to pay a home care attendant, buy supplies and equipment, make home improvements such as adding bathroom railings, or defray the costs of nursing home care.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the program would be fiscally solvent over a 75-year-period with the income from premiums, and no taxpayer financing. That assumes an initial monthly premium averaging \$123, and a \$75 daily benefit. People would sign up for the program at work through a payroll deduction. They would have to pay premiums

for five years before they could qualify for benefits. Both the premiums and benefits would be adjusted annually.

"This is primarily a product for baby boomers, and people who are still working," said James Firman, president of the National Council on Aging, and a supporter of the program. "If we don't do this now, I don't think boomers are going to get another chance."

Supporters say the government benefit would provide a foundation upon which private insurance companies could build by selling supplemental long-term care coverage. But the industry says a new program would only create confusion for consumers.

Critics' concerns got validation recently from a report by Medicare economists who are expert in long-range cost estimates.

In a report issued last weekend, they said a voluntary insurance program is likely to attract people who expect they'll need the coverage. Without taxpayer subsidies, premiums would keep going up, discouraging healthy people from signing up and triggering an "insurance death spiral."

"Individuals with health problems or who anticipate a greater risk of functional limitation would be more likely to participate than those in better-than-average health," the report said. "There is a significant risk that the problem ... would make the CLASS program unsustainable." □

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## ABUSIVE PRIESTS

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Yet, many experts on sex offenders reject any link between sexual orientation and committing abuse. Karen Terry, a John Jay researcher, said it was important to distinguish between sexual identity and behavior, and to look at who the offender had access to when seeking victims.

The bishop had commissioned the \$2 million study as part of widespread reforms they enacted at the height of the abuse crisis. The scandal erupted in 2002 with the case of one predator priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, then spread to every U.S. diocese and beyond.

Nearly 14,000 molestation claims have been filed against Catholic clergy since 1950,

according to tallies the bishops have released in recent years. Abuse-related costs have reached at least \$2.3 billion in the same period.

At the meeting Tuesday, Bishop Edward Braxton, of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, asked the researchers whether their study indicated that homosexuality should be considered when evaluating a candidate for the priesthood. In 2005, the Vatican issued a policy statement that men with “deep-seated” attraction to other men should be barred from the priesthood.

Smith said: “If that exclusion were based on the fact that that person would be more probable than any other candidate to abuse, we do not find that at this time.”

The latest findings affirmed previous reports that the rate

of clergy abuse has declined steeply since the mid 1980s. Researchers found that the abuse rate peaked in the 1960s and 1970s. Most of the claims being made now involve allegations from decades ago. In separate business Tuesday, the bishops:

— Adopted a pastoral letter affirming the church’s definition of marriage being between one man and one woman, and that sex is meant for procreation. They also issued an educational document on the church’s opposition to reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization.

— Updated their “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.” The new language states that medically assisted nutrition and hydration, while



not mandatory in every case, should be provided to all patients who would benefit, including those in a persistent vegetative state. However, the aid should not be provided if it becomes “excessively burdensome” for a patient who is very close to death, the revision states.

— Gave final approval to an English translation of the Roman Missal that has been in development for years. After the Vatican gives its final authorization, the new translation will be adopted by parishes nationwide, possibly next year. □

## Relatives of family doubt sex abuse claims

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LEXINGTON, Missouri (AP) — If the tales they told police are true, a group of children in a rural part of the state of Missouri grew up in a house of horror, where some were raped by relatives, then told to write down their memories in little glass jars and bury them in the ground.

Two decades later though, as authorities work to piece together what happened, there’s no evidence the jars have been found and other relatives say police have offered little evidence to support their accusations.

Burrell Mohler Sr., 77, and his four adult sons appeared in court in western Missouri on Tuesday where they were charged with additional sex crimes including rape and sodomy, and in a bizarre twist, a search warrant claims one of the suspects forced their victims to help kill and bury a man.

“These fellas have all had respectable jobs, and for this to come up so many years later,” said Ron Gamble, a relative of the accused family members

said after Tuesday’s hearing. “In this country, you’re innocent until proven guilty. ... Have they found any evidence? I haven’t heard of any.”

Since authorities began their search of the Mohlers’ former rural property outside Bates City on Nov. 10, the case has moved nearly every day to a new and sometimes darker place. One early court record detailed allegations of rape that included claims that the children were assaulted with sharp objects and one girl was forced to have sexual contact with a dog.

As crews began their search for evidence, Lafayette County Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh said he believed they may find a body or bodies and buried glass jars with notes written by children who may have documented sexual abuse. The children were told to write down bad memories and bury them there and “the memories would go away,” said Sgt. Collin Stosberg of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Even more shocking claims lay ahead.

A search warrant, filed Nov. 9 but released to The

Associated Press on Tuesday, stated three of the alleged children observed “several murders” and were forced to help kill and bury a man in April 1988.

The warrant said one of the accused, Burrell E. Mohler Jr., and the children followed a large man from an Independence shopping center to his home. They parked outside, then the children lured the man over to their car by telling him that their father was having a heart attack. When the man leaned over to help, Mohler Jr. allegedly “wrapped his arms around the victim’s neck” and subdued him, the warrant said.

Mohler Jr. then drove the man to his father’s property in Bates City. There, Mohler gave knives to the children and ordered them to attack the man and stab him, the warrant said.

One of the children then jumped on the man’s back and stabbed him, but it was a stab wound from the adult that actually killed the victim, according to the warrant. The children were then forced to help dig a grave for the man and bury him. □



# Honduran Congress will rule on Zelaya after vote




Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya reads a letter he wrote to US President Barack Obama, in the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009.

Associated Press


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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Honduran lawmakers will not decide whether to restore ousted President Manuel Zelaya until after upcoming presidential elections, the congressional leader said Tuesday, a decision that could undermine international support for the vote. Congress will meet Dec. 2 — three days after the Nov. 29 election — to decide whether Zelaya should be returned the presidency to finish his constitutional

term, which ends in January, congressional president Jose Alfredo Saavedra told local HRN radio station. Several Latin American countries have warned they will not recognize the outcome of the election unless Zelaya is restored beforehand. But the United States has not ruled out restoring diplomatic ties with a newly elected Honduran government even if Zelaya remains out of power through the vote. Zelaya warned over the weekend that he would not return to the presidency if Congress votes to restore him after the elections, saying doing so would legitimize the June 28 coup. The administration of President Barack Obama has repeatedly said that recognition of the election is not linked to any one action, said State Department spokesman Charles Luoma-Overstreet. Rather, he said, the State Department is hoping a broader, U.S.-brokered accord is enacted. “Congress deciding on the issue of restitution of President Zelaya is one of those things we’ve urged them to act with expedience on, and we welcome all

actions that could move forward toward resolution,” Luoma-Overstreet told The Associated Press. Both Zelaya and interim President Roberto Micheletti signed the agreement brokered by U.S. diplomats last month. However, the two sides are now at odds over whether the pact is being fulfilled. The accord calls for the formation of a national unity government, but does not require Zelaya’s restoration to office, leaving that decision up to Congress. It set no deadline for lawmakers to vote. Zelaya declared the pact a failure two weeks ago when Micheletti announced the formation of a unity government before Congress had voted, accusing the interim leader of maneuvering to stay in power. Craig Kelly, a deputy assistant secretary of state for the Western Hemisphere, arrived in Honduras on Tuesday, to meet with the feuding sides, said Ledy Pacheco, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa. It is Kelly’s second trip in less than a week to try to revive the accord. □




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## IRAQI ELECTIONS

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Barely a week after the long-delayed legislation was passed, the hard-fought deal appears to be hitting a major roadblock, threatening to derail the country's nationwide parliamentary elections and possibly slow U.S. plans to withdraw combat troops from Iraq.

The Kurds and Sunnis are unsatisfied with the allocation of seats in the next parliament, and are demanding more spots for their respective constituencies.

The boycott and veto threat come after lawmakers haggled for weeks over the election legislation they finally passed on Nov. 8, much to the relief of Iraqi political leaders and the United States, which lobbied hard for the bill.

"We knew that the Sunnis were unhappy, they made that clear from the beginning," said Joost Hiltermann, Middle East director of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group think tank.

"Nobody knew that the Kurds were unhappy, too."

The Kurds originally supported the election law, voting in favor of it last week in parliament. But they say it was only over the weekend that they found out that their three provinces in northern

Iraq had received fewer seats than they believe they deserved.

Under a proposal to expand parliament from 275 to 323 seats to reflect population growth, only three new seats were allocated to the Kurdish provinces, giving them a total of 38, according to the Independent High Electoral Commission's Web site.

Other regions saw a far larger jump in their number of representatives. Ninevah province, for one, which borders the Kurdish region, grew from 19 to 31 seats. Basra province in the south grew from 16 to 24 seats.

The office of Kurdistan Regional President Massoud Barzani said the way seats are distributed under the new election law is unfair to Kurds.

"Unless this seat allocation formula is reconsidered in a just manner, the people of (the) Kurdistan Region will be compelled to boycott the election," a statement posted on Barzani's Web site said.

Mahmoud Othman, a senior Kurdish member of Iraq's national parliament, said the Kurds had been expecting about 17 additional seats.

"The main point is the allocation of seats," Othman told The Associated Press. "If no changes are made on this matter then we will not

participate in the elections." Hiltermann, the analyst, said it's not clear what would be a realistic compromise.

"It's a matter of numbers, and numbers matter in any election anywhere in the world," he said.

The three northern provinces make up the Kurdish autonomous region, which has its own parliament as well as president. While Kurds have fought bitter battles among themselves in their regional politics, they have generally presented a strongly united front on the national political scene.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh criticized the Kurdish threat to boycott the election.

"There is a chance to solve this problem and the call to boycott the elections is not appropriate and does not serve democracy and the new Iraq," he told al-Arabiya television.

The Kurdish demands follow Sunni Arab Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi's threat Sunday to veto the election law unless voters outside Iraq are guaranteed more seats. Most Iraqis living abroad are believed to be Sunni.

Dominant for decades under Saddam, Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs have felt politically marginalized since the former dictator's ouster



Kurdish lawmaker Khalid Shawani speaks during a press conference in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. Shawani blamed Arab lawmakers for the impasse, saying they're creating obstacles. Kurdish lawmakers pushing for control of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk Thursday boycotted a parliament session intended to address a crucial election law needed to carry out Iraq's January vote, throwing into doubt the country's ability to pull off the upcoming elections on time.

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in 2003, boycotting the first post-Saddam national elections in January 2005. Hiltermann said al-Hashemi's demands stems from Sunni fears of being sidelined once again.

"They need to have a sense that they're not being cut out from power," he said. Washington has linked its withdrawal of combat troops to the national vote. U.S. military officials have said they will begin to draw down forces about 60 days after the election, hoping for assurances by then that Iraq is on stable footing.

Under a plan by President Barack Obama, all U.S.

combat personnel must be out of Iraq by the end of August 2010. The rest of the troops, such as trainers and support personnel, must leave by the end of 2011.

"You have an electoral law that generally the U.S. is desperate to get it through parliament, and so move heaven and Earth behind it," said Toby Dodge, an Iraq expert at Queen Mary college, University of London.

"So the law goes through, and then the big beasts of Baghdad politics start quibbling ... to try to get a better deal for their own sectarian interests." □



**OBAMA - HU**

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"We do not believe these principles are unique to America, but rather they are universal rights and that they should be available to all peoples, to all ethnic and religious minorities," Obama said in his only nationally televised remarks on the sensitive issue.

The mixture of promises and lasting differences underscored how intertwined the superpower United States and rising power China are, and the difficult task Obama faces in managing friction with an authoritarian, sometimes testy Beijing. On his first visit ever to China, Obama said he was mostly striving to better understand China, a geopolitical force on its way to becoming the world's second-largest economy.

"Our relationship going forward will not be without disagreement or difficulty," Obama said.

"But because of our

cooperation, both the United States and China are more prosperous and secure."

Aside from his meetings with Hu, Obama received a formal welcome.

He walked past rows of soldiers in dress uniforms and dined on chicken soup with bean curd, Chinese-style beef steak and roast grouper at a state banquet. He also toured the Forbidden City, the emperors' palace for 400 years, and met the head of China's legislature, a former mayor of Shanghai, the commercial hub where Obama started his three-day stay in China.

In a minor advance, the two leaders set a deadline of early next year for resuming an on-again, off-again dialogue on human rights.

Charting a new frontier for cooperation, the two agreed to reciprocal visits by the heads of their space programs. Promises were made to step up visits by military leaders to help overcome years of distrust over a Chinese

military buildup and U.S. reconnaissance missions in the seas off China.

Obama and Hu held their fullest conversation ever on shoring up Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. and Chinese officials said.

The Obama administration has tried to coax the Chinese leadership to assist in the troubled region. But Beijing has been reluctant, despite growing economic interests in the region and worries that the conflicts could spill across China's borders into restive, heavily Muslim western China.

Headway was made on climate change.

The two committed their countries — the biggest emitters of the heat-trapping gases causing global warming — to backing a detailed political agreement at the Copenhagen conference. In their formula, rich countries would commit to reduction targets while developing ones would agree to meet softer goals that would be



U.S. President Barack Obama, left, speaks to Chinese President Hu Jintao at Diaoyutai state guest house in Beijing, China, Monday, Nov. 16, 2009.

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monitored. Yet the positions were not markedly different from those Beijing and Washington held before Obama's arrival. Keeping the differences veiled rather than open was a measure of success of sorts for Obama. With its economy still in trouble, U.S. international

prestige still battered and China holding \$800 billion in U.S. government debt, Obama came to the Beijing summit with a weaker hand than previous U.S. presidents. That makes the emphasis on practical cooperation all the more needed, Chinese analysts said. □

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# 90-year-old charged in Germany for Nazi-era crimes

**DAVID RISING,**  
Associated Press Writer  
BERLIN (AP) — A former SS sergeant who worked unnoticed for decades as a train-station manager was charged with 58 counts of murder Tuesday after a student doing undergraduate research uncovered his alleged involvement in a massacre of Jewish forced laborers.

University of Vienna student Andreas Forster was working on a project about the slaying in a forest near the Austrian village of Deutsch Schuetzen when he stumbled across Adolf Storms' name in witness testimony. Forster then obtained files from federal archives in Berlin that enabled him to link the former sergeant to the massacre, his professor Walter Manoschek told The Associated Press. Manoschek visited Storms, 90, at his home in the city of Duisburg several times last year after finding him in the phone book. The professor conducted about 12 hours of interviews in which Storms repeatedly said that he does not remember the killings. Forster and Manoschek notified authorities and state prosecutors near Storms' hometown in the

industrial Ruhrgebiet region of western Germany filed the charges against him Tuesday.

Storms and unidentified accomplices are accused of forcing at least 57 of the Jewish laborers to hand over their valuables and kneel by a grave before fatally shooting them from behind. A day after the March 29, 1945 massacre, Storms is accused of shooting another Jew who could no longer walk during a forced march in Austria from Deutsch Schuetzen to the village of Hartberg, according to the court.

The court described the suspect simply as a "retiree from Duisburg," but German authorities have previously identified him as Adolf S. His full name was given in previous trials in Austria related to other suspects in the massacre. He also been identified as a former member of the 5th SS Panzer Division "Wiking."

The Duisburg court still must decide whether there is enough evidence to bring the case to trial. Authorities did not disclose his attorney's name and the phone at his home in Duisburg went unanswered.

Storms does not appear

on the Simon Wiesenthal Center's list of most-wanted Nazi war criminals, but the organization's top Nazi-hunter, Efraim Zuroff, said he was "very encouraged by the indictment."

"He wasn't on our radar — he wasn't on anyone's radar — and this is a case that clearly shows it is possible, even at this point, to identify perpetrators who bear responsibility for serious crimes committed during World War II and bring them to justice," Zuroff said.

The remains of the victims of the Deutsch Schuetzen massacre were found in 1995 in a mass grave by the Austrian Jewish association. A plaque now marks the site.

Storms was interned in an American prisoner of war camp following the war, but was released in 1946. It was not uncommon for possible war criminals to go undetected in the chaotic aftermath of the war.

Storms worked as a train-station manager after the war until his retirement. The Austrian press has reported he changed the spelling of his name.

Manoschek described Storms as "fully there" mentally but in poor



Former member of Adolf Hitler's fanatical Waffen SS, Heinrich Boere, left, sits next to his lawyer Gordon Christiansen, in Aachen, Germany, at the start of his trial, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009. An 88-year-old former member of Adolf Hitler's fanatical Waffen SS went on trial Wednesday on three counts of murder for the wartime hit-style killings of three civilians in the Netherlands.

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physical health.

Prosecutor Andreas Brendel said there no living witnesses to the forest massacre but statements made during an Austrian trial of others involved can be used as evidence against the suspect.

Brendel said three former members of the Hitler Youth who were helping the SS guard the prisoners

on the march have provided witness statements in Austria. A fourth former Hitler Youth member, now living in Canada, is being interviewed this week, he told the AP.

According to Manoschek, several of the former Hitler Youth were tried in 1946 and convicted and sentenced to two years in prison for their involvement. □

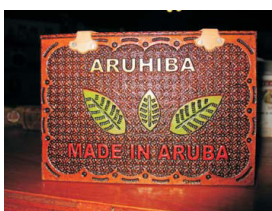
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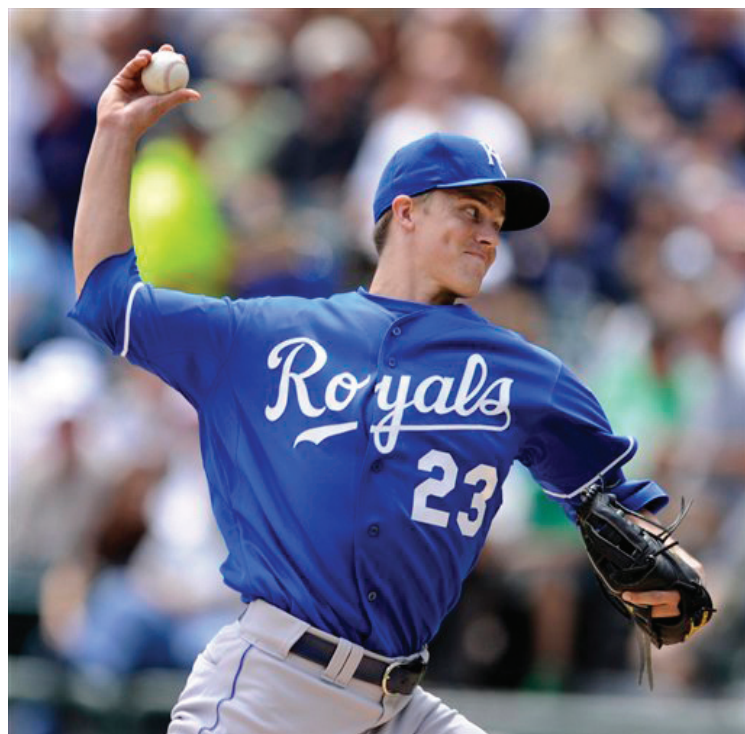
# Greinke of Royals wins AL Cy Young Award

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Zack Greinke won the American League Cy Young Award on Tuesday, beating out Felix Hernandez after a spectacular season short on wins but long on pitching domination.

Greinke went 16-8 with a 2.16 ERA for the Kansas City Royals. Hernandez went 19-5 with a 2.49 ERA for the Seattle Mariners.

Greinke received 25 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Hernandez drew two firsts,



23 seconds and one third for 80 points.

Detroit's Justin Verlander was third with the remaining first-place vote and nine thirds for 14 points. He was followed by the New York Yankees' CC Sabathia with 13 points and Toronto's Roy Halladay with 11 points.

The National League winner will be announced on Thursday.

Greinke's ERA was the lowest in the AL since Pedro Martinez's 1.74 ERA in 2000 and his 242 strikeouts were second in the league behind Verlander.

It was quite a turnaround for

the 26-year-old right-hander, who led the AL in losses in 2005 when he went 5-17.

He left spring training in February 2006 and went home to Florida with what later was diagnosed as a social anxiety disorder. He started working out in the minors about six weeks later and returned to the majors in late September.

Greinke was 7-7 the following year and 13-10 in 2008 before his breakout season. His victory total matched that of Arizona's Brandon Webb three years ago for the fewest by a starting pitcher to win a Cy Young Award in a non-shortened season and was the fewest by an AL starter to win in a full-length season.

Kansas City, which tied for last place in the AL Central division with a record of 65-97, scored just 13 runs in his eight losses and 21 runs in his nine no-decisions. He failed to get a victory in six starts in which he allowed one run or none.

He was particularly sharp at the start and finish, going 5-0 with a 0.50 ERA in April and 5-0 with a 1.29 ERA in his last eight starts. He didn't allow any runs in his first three starts and any earned runs in his first four, and his 0.84 ERA through 10 starts was the first below 1.00 in the major leagues since Juan Marichal's 0.55 in 1966.

He struck out 15 over eight innings against Cleveland on Aug. 25, then followed five days later by pitching a one-hitter at Seattle. After Kenji Johjima's soft second-inning single, Greinke retired his final 22 batters. Greinke, who agreed to a \$38 million, four-year contract last winter, receives a \$100,000 bonus for winning □

## Fewell picked to replace Jauron as Bills coach

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

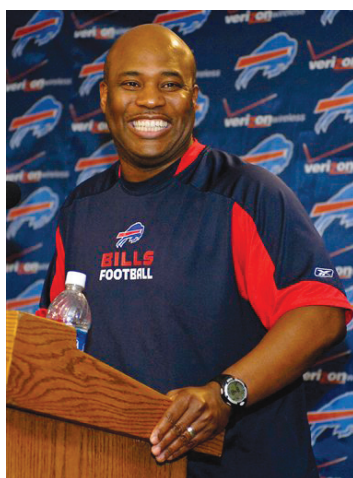
ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP) — The Buffalo Bills promoted coordinator Perry Fewell to take over as interim head coach after Dick Jauron was fired on Tuesday.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson ran out of patience with Jauron, who ran out of time to build a contender or come up with a way to fix an offense that sputtered even with the addition of star receiver Terrell Owens.

The shakeup, which caught some players by surprise, came during the players' day off and after the Bills stumbled out of their off week to fall further out of contention with a 41-17 loss to the Tennessee Titans on Sunday. The Bills have a 3-6 record.

Fewell is in his 12th NFL season, and fourth with Buffalo as the team's defensive coordinator, after being hired by Jauron, whose background is primarily on the defensive side.

Fewell is the team's fifth head coach since Wade Phillips was



Buffalo Bills defensive coordinator Perry Fewell smiles after he was introduced as the NFL football team's interim head coach during a news conference at Bills headquarters in Orchard Park, N.Y., on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009. Fewell takes over after Dick Jauron was fired as head coach on Tuesday. (AP) This is a Nov. 1, 2009, file photo showing Buffalo Bills head coach Dick Jauron walking off the field after an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, in Orchard Park, N.Y., The Bills fired Jauron, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009.

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fired after the 2000 season, and the team's first black head coach.

Wilson credited Fewell for having done "a great job with our defense and demonstrated excellent leadership skills." Wilson also added that Bills players and staff have a lot of confidence in Fewell.

Fewell, who's never been a head coach at any level, will make his debut on Sunday when the Bills play Jacksonville.

Wilson described his decision to change coaches as a difficult one, but one "for the best interest of our team."

"I really don't have anything to say," was all Jauron would say when reached on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Celebrating their 50th season, the Bills are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight year. □





## NFL Roundup

# Cleveland Rocked: Ravens blank hapless Browns 16-0

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Even after Baltimore had punished Brady Quinn, Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis got in one more vicious hit on Cleveland's quarterback.

Angered over Quinn's questionable chop block on Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs following an interception, Lewis accused Quinn of a dirty play.

"Heck yeah it was a cheap shot," Lewis snapped after Baltimore rocked Cleveland 16-0. "When you're running down and you're looking at the quarterback going at somebody's knees who doesn't even have the ball. I want to see if he gets the same fine I got or even higher. Now this man is out four or five weeks because of some baloney like that." For 30 minutes, the Ravens were inefficient, unproductive and disorganized. In 17 seconds, they changed all that.

Ray Rice scored on a 13-yard run on Baltimore's first possession of the third quarter and safety Dawan Landry returned an interception of Quinn 48 yards for a touchdown on Cleveland's next play as the Ravens overcame a horrendous start and routed the hapless Browns.

The game also included two plays that could force the league to hand out fines, and it ended with Browns wide receiver Josh Cribbs being carried from the field on a stretcher following another nasty hit. He was taken to a hospital for tests. Cleveland coach Eric Mangini said Cribbs was transported as a precaution.

"He's got feeling and movement in all parts of his body," Mangini said.

The Ravens (5-4) didn't score in the opening half, when they used up their three timeouts

in the first 6:15, committed silly penalties, converted just one third down and actually made the Browns (1-8) look respectable.

"I guess I agree it wasn't pretty," quarterback Joe Flacco said. "It was an ugly win, but that's the way some wins are in the NFL."

Following his second interception, Quinn dropped and rolled into Suggs' right knee, drawing a 15-yard penalty and incensing the Ravens.

Suggs limped to the locker room. It's not known how long he'll be out.

"That's an illegal blow," Lewis said. "I don't care how you want to look at it."

Quinn said he didn't hit Suggs intentionally.

"I was trying to go for the ball carrier," he said. "Suggs came across at the last second in my vision. I would never wish that upon anyone. I was upset about it on the field. We worked out in Arizona together. I couldn't be any more sorry about that. That was never the intent. I'm sorry to Terrell and the rest of their team."

Despite being down by 16, the Browns, who never crossed Baltimore's 45, were fighting for yards on the final

play. Quinn threw short to Cribbs, who then lateraled to tight end Robert Royal. After he got rid of the ball, Cribbs got drilled in the chin by defensive end Dwan Edwards as the clock expired.

As Cribbs laid motionless in the middle of the field, players from both teams knelt in prayer. Royal said Cribbs was making jokes and moving his arms and legs.

Ravens defensive end Trevor Pryce questioned Mangini's motive in running a dangerous play.

"I didn't see it, but I heard it," he said of Edwards' hit on Cribbs. "With five seconds left in the game, and you're down 16-0, to throw a hook-and-lateral, what's the point of that? I'm not trying to question their coaching, it's none of my business. But you see what the result was."

"You do a hook-and-lateral play with a whole bunch of guys that are big and run fast, people are running around crazy and someone is going to get hurt."

Edwards said he wasn't trying to injure Cribbs and wasn't looking for retribution on Quinn for his hit on Suggs.

"I was just hustling to the ball," he said. "He had just pitched it and I reacted. It



Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn recovers his own fumble as Baltimore Ravens linebacker Jarret Johnson (95) and safety Dawan Landry (26) converge in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, in Cleveland. The Browns lost 16-0.

Associated Press

wasn't him that hit Suggs. I consider myself a hustle player and I tried to hustle and make a play — not let them get a score."

The first time Baltimore got the ball in the second half, Flacco connected on a 41-yard pass to Derrick Mason, who spun out of cornerback Brandon McDonald's tackle and raced down the sideline to the Cleveland 13. Rice took it in from there to make it 7-0. On the next snap, Quinn, making his first start since being pulled 10 quarters into the season by Mangini, threw high and wide to Royal and the ball bounced to Landry, who scampered in untouched to make it 13-0.

The Ravens missed the extra point, but that hardly mattered against a Cleveland offense that has scored only five offensive TDs in its past

15 games.

It was Baltimore's first shutout since Nov. 26, 2006, and it came at the perfect time for the Ravens, who had dropped four of five and were in danger of falling too far behind Cincinnati and Pittsburgh in the AFC North. Pryce said the Ravens adjusted to Cleveland's no-huddle at halftime.

"You have to weather the storm when you're playing a team like Cleveland that has nothing to lose," Pryce said. "What they were doing was smart. They were running a no-huddle, quick substitution game plan. And that stuff messes with you badly. You waste more energy running on and off the field than you do in the game itself. That was the big thing we had to address in the second half." □

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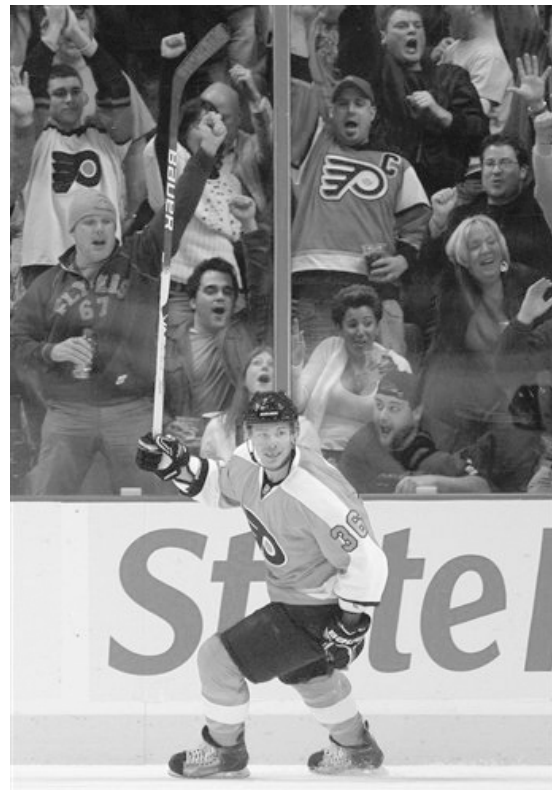
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*NHL Roundup*

# Flyers end Devils' 8-game win streak



Philadelphia Flyers' Darroll Powe celebrates after his goal in the first period of an NHL hockey game against the New Jersey Devils, Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, in Philadelphia.

*Associated Press*

**The Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darroll Powe, Scott Hartnell, and James van Riemsdyk scored goals as the Philadelphia Flyers edged New Jersey 3-2 to end the Devils' eight-game winning streak on Monday night.

Zach Parise scored in a goal-mouth scramble with 0.6 seconds left in regulation and David Clarkson also had a goal for the Devils, who fell one win short of tying the NHL record of 10 road victories to start the season, set by the 2006-07 Buffalo Sabres.

Claude Giroux had two assists and Ray Emery made 33 saves for the Flyers, who have won six of their last seven games.

Martin Brodeur stopped 32 shots for the

Devils, who trailed the entire game.

**Islanders 4, Bruins 1**

At Boston, Matt Moulson scored two goals and Dwayne Roloson stopped 28 shots to lead New York.

John Tavares also scored to make it 3-1 — a goal that was originally credited as Moulson's third of the game before being corrected on review — and Trent Hunter added an empty-netter with 49 seconds left.

Tuukka Rask made 17 saves and Daniel Paille scored for Boston, which killed off all five penalties and has not allowed a goal in 22 consecutive power plays.

**Blue Jackets 3, Oilers 2, SO**

At Columbus, Ohio, Jakub Voracek scored the winner in the fourth round of the shootout to lift the hosts past Edmonton.

After Voracek's goal, Mathieu Garon stopped Gilbert Brule to secure Columbus' fourth win in five games.

Anton Stralman had a goal and assist and Antoine Vermette also scored for the Blue Jackets.

Lubomir Visnovsky had a goal and assist and Ales Hemsky also tallied for Edmonton.

**Penguins 5, Ducks 2**

At Pittsburgh, Bill Guerin ended Pittsburgh's eight-game streak without a power-play goal by scoring in the first period and Jordan Staal scored short-handed as the Penguins wrapped up Anaheim's winless four-game road trip.

Guerin, who turned 39 last week, missed by an assist of having the so-called Gordie Howe hat trick — a goal, an assist and a fight. He fought in the third period with Ryan Getzlaf, who

is 14 years younger, trading several punches before Guerin put the Ducks' alternate captain on his back to earn one of the night's loudest ovations from the sellout crowd of 17,052.

Guerin's goal made it 2-0 at 5:13 of the first period and halted a streak of 30 consecutive unsuccessful Penguins power plays. Matt Cooke had two goals and Martin Skoula also scored for Pittsburgh.

At Sunrise, Florida, defenseman Jack Johnson scored the only goal in the shootout as Los Angeles rallied for an away win.

Johnson and Jarrett Stoll scored power-play goals and Randy Jones scored short-handed for the Kings.

Nathan Horton, Cory Stillman and Victor Oreskovich scored for the Panthers. Tomas Vokoun, who came in with three shutouts in his previous five starts, stopped 31 shots for Florida.

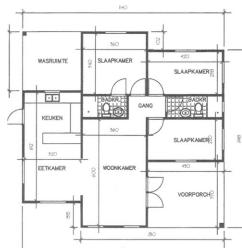
At Glendale, Arizona, Vincent Lecavalier had two goals and an assist and Mike Smith made 30 saves to lead Tampa Bay.

Alex Tanguay had a goal and two assists and Martin St. Louis also scored for the Lightning, who have recorded points in six straight games — four wins and two overtime losses.

Adrian Aucoin scored the lone goal for the Coyotes, who have dropped five of their past seven.

**In other NHL games it was, Columbus 3, Edmonton 2, SO; N.Y. Islanders 4, Boston 1; Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 2; Los Angeles 4, Florida 3, SO; Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 2; and Tampa Bay 4, Phoenix 1.** □

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# Presidenta Bachelet califica de “ofensivas” expresiones García

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - La presidenta chilena, Michelle Bachelet, calificó el martes como “ofensivas” las declaraciones del mandatario peruano, Alan García, quien fustigó a Chile por un presunto caso de espionaje que denunció Lima.

En su primer comentario sobre el caso, que ha tensado las relaciones entre Chile y Perú, Bachelet pidió respeto a las autoridades peruanas, luego de que García calificó el tema del espionaje como “propio de una republiqueta”. Chile ha negado las acusaciones. “Las expresiones, que llamaría ofensivas y altisonantes, que hemos conocido en el día de ayer, en nada contribuyen a la integración y la cooperación que deben animarnos entre países vecinos”, dijo Bachelet al iniciar un discurso. “Lo que debe primar sobre todas las cosas es el respeto, sobre cualquier otra consideración, así como la responsabilidad de las autoridades”, agregó la mandataria al inaugurar un nuevo centro de

control aéreo en Santiago. García consideró el lunes como “repulsivo” el supuesto espionaje de Chile, un importante inversor en Perú, y acusó a sectores conservadores chilenos de estar detrás del caso que puso los lazos de los vecinos en su peor nivel en los últimos años.

El caso escaló el fin de semana durante una reunión del Foro de Cooperación Económica Asia Pacífico (APEC) en Singapur, donde coincidieron Bachelet y García. El mandatario peruano adelantó su regreso desde la APEC en señal de molestia y canceló una cita con la presidenta chilena.

Lima también llamó a informar a su embajador en Santiago, Carlos Pareja. El enviado chileno en Perú, Fabio Vío, se encontraba por asuntos familiares en Santiago, donde permanecerá unos días “en consultas”. Chile y Perú se enfrentaron en la “Guerra del Pacífico” a fines del siglo XIX y desde entonces las relaciones entre ambos han sufrido altibajos. Perú



La presidenta chilena, Michelle Bachelet, habla en una cumbre de la FAO en Roma, 16 nov 2009. La presidenta chilena, Michelle Bachelet, calificó el martes como ‘ofensivas’ las declaraciones del mandatario peruano, Alan García, quien fustigó a Chile por un presunto caso de espionaje que denunció Lima. REUTERS/Andrew Medichini/Pool

mantiene un diferendo con Chile por sus límites marítimos.

“Nunca procedemos a insultos ni a sugerencias que sean o despectivas o insidiosas”, dijo más temprano el ministro chileno de Relaciones Exteriores, Mariano Fernández.

“Este es un Gobierno que representa una democracia estable, seria y bien organizada, sus instituciones no se dedican al espionaje ni a ninguna otra actividad reñida con la legalidad”, agregó el canciller chileno. □

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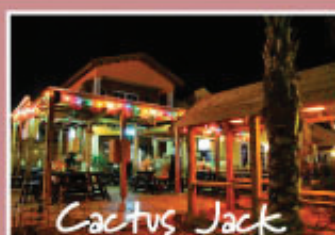


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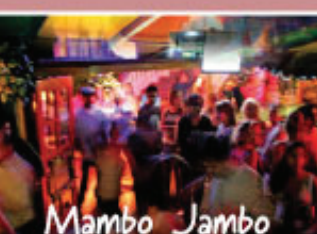
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